IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Alejandro Sanchez) Art Unit: 2165
Application No. 10/532,198	Examiner: Hoang, Son T
Filing Date: August 8, 2005) Confirmation No. 8394
For: MANAGING BIOLOGICAL DATABASES	<u> </u>

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated **August 4, 2008**, (hereinafter "Office Action"). A Request for an Extension of Time to extend the period for response by three months and the corresponding fee is enclosed. In light of the following remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.